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Sir:

The present application claims priority to Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-178403 filed on June 23, 2003. A submission of certified copy of prior foreign applications was filed on February 24, 2004. A copy is enclosed.

This application was allowed on November 29, 2006. The Examiner is requested to acknowledge the claim for priority and receipt of the priority documents, substantially prior to the Issue Fee due date of February 28, 2007. Since this application has been allowed, this matter is somewhat urgent.

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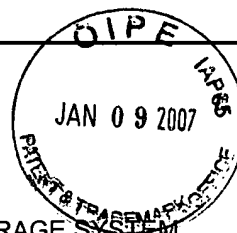
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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.55, the applicant(s) submit(s) herewith  
a certified copy of the following foreign application:

Japanese Patent Application No(s). 2003-178403

Filed: June 23, 2003

It is respectfully requested that the applicant(s) be given the benefit of the foreign filing  
date(s) as evidenced by the certified papers attached hereto, in accordance with the  
requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 119.

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